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**877. Mr A M Figlan (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

1. With regard to the transfer of Farm 87 Portion 230 Driefontein in the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, what are the reasons that the specified land was transferred twice in one day, initially (i) from a certain company (name and details furnished) to a certain company (name and details furnished) and then (ii) from a certain company (name furnished) to the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality (details furnished) for a value of R12,1 million and (b) who was/were the person(s) at the Deeds Office who processed the specified transfers;
2. (a) what are the names of the transferring attorneys in this regard and (b) which other state-owned land transactions have the specified attorneys been involved in?  **NW943E**

**THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORM:**

1. (i),(ii) Section 96 of the Deeds Registries Act, 1937 (Act No. 47 of 1937) recognises the execution of deeds by prospective owners. Thus, if A purchases land from B and A sells the same land to C before transfer is registered in A’s name, it is perfectly legal to register transfer from B to A and from A to C simultaneously. The reasons for the simultaneous registration of transfer in this instance can be proffered only by the parties concerned and not by the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform.
2. The Junior Examiner was T J Mashego and the Senior Examiner was P M Napo.
3. (a) The name of the transferring attorneys is Cliff Dekker Hofmeyer Incorporated.
4. The conveyancer in question has lodged several registered transfers/ transactions. However the Deeds Registries System (DRS) cannot provide how many of those are state owned land transactions.